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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION

1. OTTAWA CITIZEN ON APRIL 26 IN EDITORIAL ENTITLED "KISSINGER MENDS AFRICAN FENCES" DISCUSSED THE SECRETARY'S FIRST TRIP SOUTH OF THE SAHARA: "THAT IN ITSELF IS SOME INDICATION, TO AFRICANS, OF THE LOW PRIORITY THE UNITED STATES ACCORDS THEIR REGION AND THEIR ASPIRATION. KISSINGER'S OWN STATEMENTS, ESPECIALLY ON ANGOLA, HAVE UPSET NOT A FEW AFRICAN LEADERS, WHO REFUSE TO KOW-TOW TO THE AMERICANS."

STATING THAT AFRICANS HAD NOTED A TILT IN U.S. POLICY TOWARD PORTUGAL BECAUSE OF NATO THE PAPER NOTED THAT "BLACK AFRICAN STATES HAVE NOT BEEN INTERESTED IN THE IDEOLOGICAL AND STRATEGIC STRUGGLE BETWEEN THE WEST AND THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN IS A STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM AND HUMAN DIGNITY." THE CITIZEN SAID THAT AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN AT THE UN HAD HURT

U.S. INTERESTS IN AFRICA AND CONCLUDED THAT KISSINGER'S TRIP "WILL GIVE HIM A CHANCE TO START TO RECOVER THE GROUND HE AND OTHER AMERICAN LEADERS HAVE LOST IN U.S.-AFRICAN RELATIONS."

2. IN AN APRIL 29 EDITORIAL ENTITLED "RHODESIA ON THE BRINK" THE CITIZEN SAID "RHODESIA'S ONE HOPE WAS THE THE UNITED STATES MIGHT BE INVITED TO COUNTER "COMMUNIST AGGRESSION." BUT SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER HAS NOW COME UP WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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CATEGORICAL STATEMENTS THAT THE U.S. FAVORS MAJORITY RULE IN

RHODESIA, AND THAT HE WILL SEEK TO HAVE THE IMPORT OF RHODESIAN CHROME STOPPED. "THIS WILL ENCOURAGE RHODESIAN BLACKS AS WELL AS OTHER BLACK AFRICAN NATIONS, WHILE FREEING THE RHODESIAN WHITES FROM ANY ILLUSION. TO THAT EXTENT, IT MAY HELP AVERT THE THREATENED RACIAL WAR IN RHODESIA".

3. OTTAWA PRESS GAVE KISSINGER LUSAKA SPEECH EXTENSIVE NEWS COVERAGE.
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